

# **FACT SHEET**

#### **INTERSTATE 19 PROJECT AREA HISTORY**

**Existing Roadway –** I-19 was constructed by the Arizona Department of Transportation during the 1960s and currently consists of two lanes in each direction separated by a 76-foot-wide open median. Within the project limits, there are traffic interchanges at San Xavier Road, Valencia Road, Irvington Road and Ajo Way.

**I-19 Corridor Study: Interstate 10 to Pima/Santa Cruz County Line –** ADOT completed a study in 2003 to identify transportation needs for the corridor through the year 2030. The study recommended long-term improvements such as additional lanes, auxiliary lanes and frontage roads in each direction of travel from San Xavier Road to I-10 and preferred short-term and mid-term improvements, including additional interim travel lanes.

**I-19 Project Assessment: San Xavier Road to Ajo Way –** ADOT completed a Project Assessment in 2003. The purpose of the Project Assessment was to evaluate the feasibility of increasing the capacity of I-19.

I-10/I-19 Traffic Interchange – Construction of the traffic interchange was completed in 2004.

#### STUDY OVERVIEW

**Design Concept Report and Environmental Assessment –** The purpose of this study is to evaluate long-term improvements through the year 2030 to I-19 between San Xavier Road and the I-10/I-19 traffic interchange north of the Ajo Way interchange. ADOT is requesting comments and suggestions on the long-term solution for this portion of I-19 from all community members in the surrounding area and from those who travel along I-19.

# **Study Objectives:**

- Accommodate travel demand along the I-19 corridor through the design year 2030 by increasing capacity and providing a level of service that meets ADOT criteria for traffic operations.
- Maintain I-19 as part of a congressionally designated high-priority corridor for international trade.
- Consider new traffic interchanges near Drexel Road and Los Reales Road to address population growth in these areas.
- Provide roadway design that meets current engineering standards.
- Maintain pedestrian access across I-19 near the Michigan Street alignment (south of Ajo Way).

# **Potential Improvements May Include:**

- Additional travel lanes; for a total of four lanes in each direction
- Reconstruction of the traffic interchange at Ajo Way, Irvington Road and San Xavier Road
- Construction of new traffic interchanges at Drexel Road and Los Reales Road
- Construction of a new pedestrian bridge between Irvington Road and Ajo Way that would replace the existing bridge and would be compliant with the Americans with Disability Act
- Improved drainage at Rodeo Wash, Irvington Wash and other locations

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